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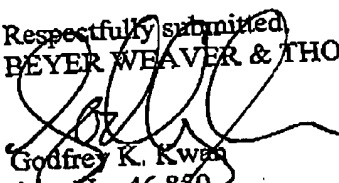
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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-3, 11-16, 20-23, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Frankel (USPAP 20030093254). Claims 4-10, 17-19, and 24-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including base and intervening claim limitations. The allowability of claims 4-10, 17-19, and 24-29 is gratefully acknowledged.

To facilitate prosecution, independent claims 1, 20, and 30 have been amended to include allowable matter in dependent claim 4. Claims 4 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 5 and 25 have been amended to adjust claim dependencies. New claim 31 has been added to place allowable dependent claim 17 into independent form including all base and intervening claim limitations. Consequently, all claims are now believed allowable. Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable in their present form. Please feel free to contact the undersigned at the number provided below if there are any questions, concerns, or remaining issues.

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